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Shooting leads to attempted murder charges

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A Minden Hills man has been charged with two counts of attempted murder after a gun incident on Friday night.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP says that the victims were confronted at their home on Gelert Road in Dysart et al by a man with a firearm.

"The male threatened the victims and a struggle ensued," says Const. Mark McMaster. "Several shots were fired by the suspect but the victims were able to flee the scene and notify the police."

The two people were not injured in the incident. They knew the person who had attacked them.

The OPP called in the Central Region emergency response team, the OPP tactics and rescue unit and the OPP canine unit. The officers searched the area but were not able to find the suspect.

However, on Saturday afternoon, officers came upon the suspect while he was walking on Sedgwick Road in Minden Hills.

"He was dishevelled because he had been out all night," McMaster says.

The 54-year-old Minden Hills man was arrested without incident Saturday afternoon. He appeared for a bail hearing Monday in Lindsay.

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Swinging into spring

Head Lake Park was packed with kids and parents last week as above-normal temperatures lured people outside to celebrate spring's arrival. Smiling and swinging is 9-month-old Emma Rose Collins.

Hockey players help Canada advance

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Matt Duchene scored two goals and Cody Hodgson assisted on two power-play goals, one being the game-winner, as Canada defeated Sweden 3-2 yesterday in Russia.

The victory secures Team Canada a chance at gold at the 2008 IIHF world under-18 championship for the first time since winning the tournament back in 2003.

Despite being outshot 37-18, Canada went 2-for-6 on the power play and was able to kill all nine of Sweden's power play opportunities.

"I think the tournament has gone really well for us," Duchene, a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, said in an e-mail to the Echo. "It's sort of been an up and down journey for us. Obviously being in the gold medal game is what we came here for, so we're right where we want to be."

The road to the gold medal game has seen the team lose only once in the preliminary round. After defeating Germany 9-2 and Denmark 4-1, Team Canada faced a tough Russian squad and lost 4-2.

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Swimmers earn bragging rights

BARRY SMITH is one of those people who just can't say no to a double-dog dare. On Saturday morning, someone commented that it was far too early to go for the first swim of the season. He took that as a challenge and went up to his neck in the chilly waters of Pelaw Lake. Brrrr!! We thought it earned him bragging rights as the first person to go for a swim in 2008 but then we received photos of a group of children jumping into the Gull River in Minden. Hey, as far as we're concerned they can all brag that they are amongst the craziest people living in the Highlands.

here & there

news and events worth noting

Another sign that summer will soon be here is the reappearance of mosquitoes. They aren't at the pesky stage yet, but their time will come. We're all going to hope that the long, snowy winter was not good for mosquitoes or blackflies and that we can skip the bad side of spring altogether.

You'll notice something different about the *Echo's* flag this week. We included an image of our wonderful little home planet in honour of Earth Day, April 22. Don't

forget that today is the official opening of R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden. Ron Lawrence, who lived for many years north of Gooderham, was one of the first authors to warn us about the impact our actions are having on our environment. He was deeply committed to teaching people how to respect and preserve our natural world. The new centre in Minden, built by students in Fleming College's sustainable building program, honours his legacy. His widow, Sharon, will be part of the festivities this afternoon at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre complex. Everyone is invited to attend.

Carson Arthur, TV host of *Green Force*, will be the emcee at the Cash Cups Exhibit closing celebration on May 24. Cash Cups is a multi-media exhibit at The Art Hive from May 9-24 featuring art works which incorporate recycled bras. An auction of the art with landscape designer Carson Arthur as auctioneer will take place on May 24. Proceeds are being donated to local cancer organization Cottage Dreams. The *Green Force* show turns unused urban landscapes into sustainable green spaces. Artists and members of the public are encouraged to exhibit personal creations made in honour of family and friends who have been touched by cancer. Deadline for submissions is May 2. Call the Art Hive for details or see samples in the showcase in front of the Village Barn.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation has given the Haliburton County Community Co-operative an \$8,000 grant to hire a project co-ordinator to organize and promote a winter folk-music event in Haliburton. This initiative will encourage participants and the community to develop artistic and cultural appreciation and skills.



Winter is gone!

Although it seemed that Head Lake had claimed the last piece of ice on the afternoon of April 20, our intrepid ice-contest judge, Lisa Robertson, would not announce that winter had officially left Haliburton. There was still a small chunk of ice which nestled into a shady inlet by the Haliburton Sculpture Forest (where this photo was taken.) After much checking, she was able to declare that the last smidgen of ice left Head Lake at 11:18 p.m. on April 20, 2008. This means that Jack Cox is the winner of the *Echo's* When Will The Ice Melt on Head Lake? contest. He guessed April 20 at 4 p.m., just beating out Dave Moxley who was more optimistic by two hours. The next closest was Doris Martyn who guessed April 21 at 6 a.m. She and Eleanor Lymer, who guessed April 19, have proven themselves to be keen judges of spring's arrival on Head Lake. The least optimistic of all our contestants was Linda Shantz, who feared that winter would not let us out of its clutches until May 26. Congratulations to Jack Cox, whose wife Willie is a previous winner. He won a subscription to either the *Echo* or the *Times*.

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A deficit by any other name...

Health services budget is \$200,000 in the red after funding falls short

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A deficit of \$200,000 may not sound like much when you're spending \$11 million over the next year but, when it's money you don't have, it's still a deficit.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be watching its pennies after it failed to receive as much money as it had hoped from the Ministry of Health.

Although the ministry gave HHHS a 2.4 per cent increase to its base funding, its small hospital funding supplement was indeed small. HHSS received only \$30,000 in recognition of the special burdens on small hospitals. Last year it got a \$78,000 cash infusion.

By law, hospitals are not allowed to submit deficits but the Central East Local Health Integration Network, which oversees the HHHS on the ministry's behalf, has accepted the HHHS's deficit budget. The \$11 million is for acute care and emergency spending only. The two long-term care facilities have a separate \$6 million budget.

"We're not panicked but we've already cut back on buying small pieces of equipment," says the organizations chief financial officer Cathy Outram. "We're really going to watch what we spend."

Even though the deficit is small, it's still too much for Outram. "I don't like deficits," she says. "They don't sit well with me."

She is hopeful that HHHS will receive another grant from a different funding program for emergency departments later in the year. However, waiting for money places its own stress on HHHS. It's difficult to plan for the next year when funding is announced after the budget deadline.

In a press release issued last Wednesday, acting CEO Janice Hardy says "While HHHS is grateful for the funding boost, the fact remains that to maintain all of the current healthcare services for our community, the cost is greater than the budgeted allocation of funds."

Last week the province announced it was increasing hospital funding by almost \$670 million in order to expand services in Ontario's fastest growing community, lower wait times for surgeries and diagnostic imaging, and sustain services in communities with unique needs.

The spending pressures on HHHS this year are largely not of its own making. For instance, the Ontario Nurses Association ratified a 3.25 per cent salary increase for its members, which is above the province's 2.4 per cent funding increase. As well, HHHS must cope with the added costs of transporting patients to appointments outside the county now that the county's EMS has said it cannot afford to provide the service.

HHHS is not criticizing those decisions. It is simply trying to absorb the costs within the existing funding formula.

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Carl Dixon was driving home from a recording studio in Australia when he was involved in a head-on collision. He was recording a song for *The Saddle Club*, which his 12-year-old daughter is starring in. He's being kept in a drug-induced coma to help his body cope with his many injuries. Bryn Weese/file photo.

Carl Dixon seriously hurt in car crash in Australia

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Carl Dixon, the lead singer of the Guess Who, is being kept in an induced coma to help his body recover from the serious injuries he sustained in a head-on collision in Australia.

"Carl has a very long road ahead of him but he is strong and he is a fighter," his wife Betty Ujvari says on the singer's official website. "He has the love of his two girls, his wife, a wonderful family and the greatest friends and fans that any man could ask for."

The Dixons live in West Guilford but last fall, when 12-year-old Lauren got a starring role in the television series called *The Saddle Club*, Lauren and her mother moved to Australia for eight months.

Carl was visiting them when the accident occurred on Monday night. He had been recording a song he had written for the show and was driving back to the family's temporary base in Daylesford, close to the ranch where the series is being filmed.

It took emergency personnel 90 minutes to extract him from the crash and he was airlifted to one of the top hospitals in Melbourne.

He suffered two broken femurs, a broken arm, and a break in the bone that protects one of his eyes. He was also badly bruised.

"He's in a great deal of pain so keeping him in an induced coma will help him mend," says Mike Jaycock, president of Canoe FM, where Dixon is the volunteer music director. "It's very serious but not life-threatening. He will survive but it's devastating."

Jaycock says the production company in charge of *The Saddle Club* has been extraordinarily good to the family in the wake of the accident. It paid to fly Dixon's 15-year-

old daughter Carlin to Australia on Tuesday, changed the filming schedule to allow Lauren to join her mother and sister at her father's bedside, and rented an apartment in Melbourne for the family.

Everyone at Canoe FM was devastated by the news. "It's a huge hurt to us," says Jaycock. "We care about him not because of what he is [a rock singer] but what he does. It doesn't matter where he is [when he's touring with the Guess Who]; he's in touch with us on an almost daily basis. This isn't a hobby for him, it's an affection."

As well as being the station's music director, Dixon helped each of his daughters host a program for the station. He has donated hours of his time to update and organize the station's music files.

The station has been in contact with his wife Betty. "He's the rock star and she's the rock," station co-ordinator Sue Black says of the strength which Betty has exhibited during this family crisis.

On www.carldixon.com, Betty writes, "Keep your positive thoughts flowing; keep sending your messages. If you haven't hugged and told someone you love that you do - then please do so. Life is precious."

People who want to send messages to Carl can do so through his Website.

The station has also been saddened by the deaths of two of its volunteers' family members. Roxanne Casey lost her mother and stepfather in the span of 12 hours on the weekend. Both had been suffering from cancer. A few days later, her husband Dennis's father, Earle Casey, passed away at Highland Wood. He was a World War II vet who survived 11 days on a life raft after his plane was shot down.

"It's been a tough week for us all," says Jaycock, who joins everyone at the station in extending his sympathy to the Casey family.

Dysart councillors pinch their pennies

Budget increase kept below 3 per cent, \$50,000 saved on Burnt River bridge project

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the April 14 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Dysart adopted its 2008 budget and tax rates during last week's meeting.

Residential property owners will now pay \$704 for every \$100,000 of assessment, \$238 of which goes to Dysart, \$202 to the county, and \$264 towards the educational tax levy.

Commercial property owners will now pay \$1,928 for every \$100,000 of assessment, \$353 of which goes to Dysart, \$300 to the county, and \$1,275 for the educational tax levy.

The educational tax levy is set out by the province and is beyond the control of local councillors. Educational tax rates are nearly five times higher for commercial business owners than they are for residential homeowners.

The tax rate increase for the Dysart portion of the taxes is 2.9 per cent, while the increase at the county level is an even 3 per cent.

Overall, residential property owners will be paying 1.84 per cent more in 2008 than 2007, while commercial property owners will see a .99 per cent increase in their taxes.

Bridge repairs

A little prudence by Dysart council has resulted in savings of more than \$50,000 for taxpayers.

Last month council received a shock when bids for replacing the Burnt River bridge came in hundreds of thousands of dollars higher than the \$625,000 they had budgeted for. The lowest bid was more than \$750,000, while the highest topped nearly \$1.2 million.

Not eager to take money away from other projects, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the roads department contract a consulting firm to see if any savings

could be found. More than a month later, that decision seems to have paid off.

In a report prepared by G.D. Jewell Engineering and presented by roads superintendent Brian Nicholson, council learned that they could save a total of \$51,150 on the project after the low bidder – Royel Paving – agreed to some alternative proposals.

Those proposals include replacing the concrete deck with a steel bridge system, replacing the beam railing with regular steel beam railing, and deleting the need for traffic control, which will now be supplied by the roads department.

The changes bring the total cost of the project down to roughly \$710,000 plus GST, which is only \$85,000 more than council's original expectations.

Roads work approved

Council approved plans submitted by Nicholson for work to a number of roads this summer.

Nicholson proposed that the work be completed in two phases. In phase one, stretches of North Kennisis Drive, Kenaway Road, Ridgeview Crescent, Sunnyside Street, Humber Avenue and Lakeview Avenue are all slated to be pulverized, compacted, and be applied with a double surface treatment. Those roads must be completed before June 27, 2008.

In phase two, stretches of Fred Jones Drive, Dardanelles Road, Dignam Road and Mallard Road will be pulverized and applied with a double surface treatment no later than August 29, 2008.

Phase three – the repaving of the Highland Street and Maple Avenue intersection – has been put on hold until it can be tied in with another project nearby.

"Because it's such a small stretch the costs were phenomenal," said Nicholson. "By tying it into something larger later on we can bring our costs way down."

Late spring stifles building

Building permits for the month of March were way down this year compared with

2007.

In total, Dysart's building department issued only one residential permit and six commercial permits for a total value of \$463,000. That's more than \$1.5 million lower than last March's \$1,977,000.

"Let's just say it's been a slow start to spring," said Dysart's Chief Building Official Dan Sayers.

However, it was also noted that the total value of building permits for 2008 is only \$84,000 lower than it was at this point in 2007, meaning that overall the situation is not so bleak.

Clearing the air

Council has agreed to install signs at the arena and community centres asking residents to refrain from smoking near the buildings' entrances.

The request came from Wendy Bateman, chair of the Health for Life steering committee, who said that smokers have been congregating at the entrances to municipal facilities, forcing residents to "walk through a wall of smoke when entering and exiting."

Bateman also noted that many jurisdictions have passed bylaws prohibiting smoking within nine metres of entrances to municipal facilities, but council felt nine metres was too far and expressed concerns over who would enforce such a bylaw.

Instead, council will encourage patrons to walk nine feet from entranceways and will also make sure there are receptacles for cigarette butts at all four locations.

Relay for Life

Council will also supply free parking and supplies to the organizers of this year's Relay for Life fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

The event takes place on June 13 at the high school football field and runs from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. In order to help meet parking needs, the municipality has pledged to raise the parking gate at the medical centre and provide

overflow parking at the arena (a shuttle service to transport people has already been arranged by organizers).

The municipality will also provide additional supplies, such as tables, chairs, and garbage cans as a way to pledge support for the relay.

"We'll do whatever we can do to help them," said Fearrey. "It's a great event."

One more term

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis announced his intention to seek another term on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) board of directors.

Davis said the term would be for the remainder of 2008 and 2009, and asked that council pass a resolution supporting his intentions once the nomination period is complete.

New fire equipment

Dysart's fire department will be using a \$7,000 donation from the Haliburton Forest poker run to purchase a new thermal imaging camera.

Fire chief Miles Maughan said that the new camera will be able to help firefighters see through walls during house fires and make sure that no hot spots are left behind after brush and grass fires.

In addition, Deputy fire chief Don Stephenson made the suggestion that the township should install a number of dry fire hydrants throughout the village of Haliburton, which would allow quick and easy access to water in both winter and summer and could potentially fill fire trucks up to three times faster.

"It'd be nice to even just try one or two and see if they're as good as everyone says," said Stephenson.

Fearrey told Stephenson that the fire department should look into how much the hydrants would cost, adding "I think it's a really good idea."

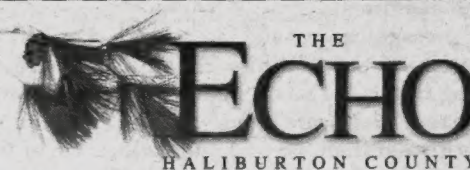
Davis also said he would strongly support the idea, noting that most of the town could likely be covered by only three or four hydrants.

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Highland Cup gears up for a better 2009

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Sometimes you first have to lose to win.

That's why, despite a net loss of nearly \$19,000, Highland Cup organizer Harold Foyster is declaring Haliburton's first-ever snowmobile racing event a triumph.

"The Highland Cup, overall, was very successful," Foyster told Dysart council last Tuesday. "I think a lot of people in the area now realize what type of event this is and how it can benefit the community. It's now evident to many how the Highland Cup can help put Haliburton on the map."

Foyster estimates the event drew more than 50 racers and 1,500 spectators to Haliburton on March 1 and 2, giving an economic boost to the area during an otherwise slow time for tourism.

In fact, Foyster said there were 80 rooms booked at Delta Pinestone Resort alone related to the Highland Cup, and said first-time visitors to the Highlands were impressed by the level of service they received.

"Everyone I've talked to who stayed here in Haliburton was treated really well... They felt like they were somebody special," he said.

Thanks to the positive response, Foyster said he and his team are already gearing up for a second event in 2009.

However, next year Foyster would like to make a number of changes, including a longer track that will be created at Rotary Beach, rather than the town dock where it was this year. Holding the event at Rotary Beach, said Foyster, would allow organizers to control the gate more efficiently and wouldn't impede access to Haliburton's downtown core.

Council seemed agreeable to Foyster's plans, though councillor Andrea Roberts did suggest dropping the admission price to make it more accessible for families.

"I got that feedback from a lot of people, so that's a change we'll likely make," said Foyster, adding that he may also introduce a family rate in 2009.

Councillor Janis Parker also suggested that Foyster provide more pre-event information on how much the Highland Cup costs.



MATT JAMES/Echo

Highland Cup organizer Harold Foyster, middle, said that the Highland Cup would not have been possible without the help of a couple of local business owners who lent him some much needed equipment before and during the Highland Cup. Foyster presented plaques of appreciation to Larry Hewitt, right, of Hawk River Construction and Doug Tallman, left, of CRS Contractors Rental Supply for their much appreciated help.

"One comment I heard was 'We have to pay to get into our own park?'" she said. "Education helps."

This year Foyster spent more than \$50,000 to bring the Highland Cup to Haliburton, but made back only \$32,000 because many spectators weren't paying to enter through the gates.

All in all, council applauded Foyster for his efforts and encouraged him to bring the event back for another year.

"It wouldn't matter what you did in this community, there are going to be negative spins on it, but I think a lot of positives came out of it too," said Reeve Murray

Fearrey.

"I suspect you'll have even more [sponsors] coming to the table next year," added Deputy-reeve Bill Davis.

And, as an added bonus, Foyster said that next year he plans to plow a 1,000 foot by 500 foot section of Head Lake, meaning Haliburton could soon have its own outdoor ice rink perfect for public skating and games of shinny on the lake.

"My plan is to have it flooded and have a rink out there by Christmas," said Foyster. "We could maybe even have lights out there for night skating."

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Hockey heroes

FORGET ABOUT THE FIRST ROUND of the Stanley Cup playoffs. The real hockey news is that two young players who had their start at the Haliburton arena are putting Canada on the scoreboard at the under-18 world championships in Russia.

Joke all you want about there being something in the water that makes the Highlands churn out such good hockey players – Ron Stackhouse and Bernie Nicholls of West Guilford have already retired from the NHL – but we are extraordinarily blessed with hockey success. While Haliburton itself would like to take some of the credit, in reality much of it should go to the parents of the players.

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editorial

martha perkins

As much as young boys love to play hockey, they'd never be able to develop into star players were it not for the dedication of their parents. Vince and Chris Duchene have spent hours on the road driving their son Matt to hockey practices and games. Haliburton is so far away from everywhere that they had to sacrifice their own sleep to make sure that Matt got the ice-time, and level of competition, that he needed if he wanted to become a better player.

Chris and Marie Hodgson decided to move from Haliburton to Markham when his political career made it too difficult to juggle two time schedules. He was working at Queen's Park during the week and driving home to his family in Haliburton on weekends. Even when they lived closer to major hockey centres, they still had to make a major commitment to help Cody advance through the ranks – especially when their three other children were involved in hockey as well.

Many parents in Haliburton County are willing to make the same sort of sacrifice, and would do so without hesitation if their children showed special prowess at a sport. (Indeed, it's not limited to sports. Last week's music festival was a delight to the ears because so many parents were willing to invest in their children's musical education.) Most parents would also continue to support their children, even if their children weren't destined for the NHL or a career in their chosen passion. When you see a child or a teenager strive to improve, you can't help but want to make it possible.

Are there hockey players or dancers or pianists out there who won't be able to reach their potential because of financial restraints? Of course. Driving to practices, buying club memberships, having the best equipment costs a lot of money. These costs are real and who knows how many parents had to discourage their child from advancing because they couldn't afford the next round of advancement.

In this way we have to applaud local organizations such as the Legion, Lions Club and Rotary Club, who not only provide financial assistance to local sports groups, but will also lend a helping hand to individuals. As well, financial support for the music festival has been stellar, making it possible for the festival to provide thousands of dollars in scholarships.

We all benefit from such dedication to our youth.



Just a swingin'

Photo by MATT JAMES

When turkeys attack

JUST THE OTHER DAY, I received a phone call from a concerned neighbour. Apparently, a big gobbler had confronted and attacked a group of 10 Girl Guides who were walking down his road searching for a GPS cache. The big Tom, I'm told, got quite aggressive with the young ladies and actually chased them away, flailing at them with its wings and spurring one of the unfortunate kids, too, causing minor cuts.

At various points during this historic attack, the Girl Guides were scattered, a baby carriage (minus the baby) was used as a defensive weapon, and a brave young woman bearing a pointed stick mounted a determined but futile counterattack.

I hoped we'd never see this day but I knew it would come. In fact I predicted it in a previous column where I suggested that we could expect to see turkey-related crimes such as petty larceny and assault. This, after several incidents of turkeys jaywalking, which is, as we all know, a gateway crime.

In any case, here in central Ontario, we don't just need to worry about bears, cougars, or moose attacks any more. Now, the turkeys are out to get us too. The worst part is these things travel in gangs.

With that in mind, here are a few safety tips to help you survive an outing in wild turkey country.

First and foremost, whenever you're walking in turkey country it's best to make plenty of noise. Not just any noise, mind you – for instance, if you insist on mimicking the calls of a lovesick hen, you are just inviting trouble. Instead, I'd suggest banging a turkey baster against a roast pan. This sound creates just the right tone to make these highly aggressive birds think twice.

Secondly, never fan your tail and strut in the presence of a dominant gobbler. I don't care what you ate for dinner last night – don't do it. He'll just take it the wrong way and the next thing you know you'll be eyeball to eyeball

with one of North America's most dangerous gallinaceous birds.

Also, when travelling in wild turkey country, it doesn't hurt if you wear pilgrim's clothing, complete with buckled shoes, tall hat, and blunderbuss. While you're at it, every few steps don't forget to mention that Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching.

Another thing we learned from this incident is that numbers count. In this case, there were 10 Girl Guides and several adults.

This did not deter the gobbler at all. That's why I'd suggest never travelling in groups of less than 50 if you suspect a wild turkey is nearby.

Aside from that there's not much else to offer. Wild turkeys are, as I have pointed out before, the only game bird I know of with a cheap whisky named after them. And it often shows in their behaviour.

Oh, perhaps there is just one more thing to convey about this sorry incident.

As I mentioned earlier, one brave girl picked up a stick and mounted a determined counter-attack against the brutal bird. Unfortunately, the bird countered that and chased her back. Which leads us to my last important piece of advice – never play chicken with a turkey.

Meanwhile, let me just mention that turkey season begins on April 25 and yours truly has a tag that I plan on using in self-defence. Call me a fool but I'm actively seeking these dangerous birds. But I'm not crazy; I'll have a shotgun in hand. Now, if I could only round up 49 other people to accompany me...



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The possibilities could be a nightmare

KATE SAT ON HER BACK DECK and sighed at the profound silence. The song birds were gone. There were still a few crows, those wily determined birds that had managed to hang on. But right now they were somewhere else, probably poking around at the ancient landfill, she guessed. Before her the ground leading up to the forest was already looking a little dry. Not that it was much of a forest. Only the big trees remained, old oaks and beech mostly, the ones with deep roots. It would take them longer to die but eventually they would go the way of the pines whose shallow fan of roots hadn't stood a chance once the climate started changing.

Kate thought longingly of the distant springs of her past when she could not even walk in her yard because of the mud. Now the earth was more like a platform than a sponge, its firm surface turned to the sun as it began a slow bake toward Christmas. There might be some rain this April but it will fall like stones, hard, dense and only briefly, running off the packed ground and hopefully finding its way into the ditch that used to be a river. Kate had her rain barrels ready for that downpour, if and when it came. She knew she was lucky to have a place to put them out.



sharon lynch

down our road

Government land was off limits and so people without their own property were at the mercy of the water capitalists. There was a rumour going around that rain police were going to start patrolling even here, far from the big cities. Although she knew it was illegal to collect rain water, Kate did it and so did whoever else was able. The price of water continued to climb. Yes, she knew that by collecting rain water she was preventing it from going into the parched earth but she was on a fixed pension and had to survive somehow. The news services had stopped showing the water riots months ago but Kate knew they were still happening. It was just a matter of time before they started in Canada as well. She would never get used to eating leftover porridge for lunch. But the government-run grain fields, guarded like gold by electric fences, ensured some foods were still available to people like Kate. However, sometimes she felt she could kill for a real strawberry or banana to slice on top of all those bowls of the stuff. And she had decided to take a pass on the chemical sweeteners years ago, not trusting what was in them. Again, rumours abounded. Rather than rousing herself for lunch, she sat a little longer, remembering her childhood and the abundance. There had been so much water in the lake she had actually swam in it, a fact young people nowadays scoffed at in disbelief. It's true, she told her grandchildren, hauling out old photos. But they laughed, saying they knew she had enhanced the pictures because there could never have been lakes like that. And how Kate missed the colours: flowers in every hue; bright green grass; red, purple, orange and yellow fruit growing on real trees outdoors. Not these mutant creations living in the warehouse greenhouses, out of sight and guarded like the grain fields. When she was lucky enough to find any dried fruit in the store, she had to be careful not to go overboard with water when she re-hydrated it or else she'd run short later. Oh well, there was no point in dwelling on the past. It was long gone and only depressed her. So she walked into her kitchen, pulled the pot of oatmeal out of her cold pit and tried to have an appetite. It wasn't easy. When the alarm went off, she lay there a moment as the realization she had been dreaming sank in. Then, glancing again at the clock, Kate jumped out of bed and rushed to the shower. She didn't want to make herself late for work by dawdling. And she wanted to get to the office a little early so she could tell her friends about another one of those crazy dreams she kept having.



pic of the past

Don Smith dropped by the Echo office with this week's Pic of the Past. It shows Clayton Rogers' homestead at the south end of Boshkung Lake in March of 1948. That's the lake at the right of the picture. Mr. Smith, who lives on Lake Kashagawigamog, was the photographer.

letter to the editor

Uranium safer than driving

To the Editor:

It appears that a number of people are worried about the effects of uranium mining in this area. Recently I have read several articles on the web concerned with the hazards of tailings from uranium mines. I learned that the Environmental Protection Agency in the U.S. estimates that there will be five additional cancer deaths per year caused by radon from all the tailings in the whole of the U.S. That is for a population of nearly 300 million. Translating this to Canada, which has a 10 times smaller population, we can expect half a death per year (or one per every two years on average). The number in the immediate area of the mines would be much less because radon is a gas and is quickly dispersed by the wind over a very wide area. The figure of a half-death per year contrasts with about 5,000 per year from car accidents. Thus, if people are concerned about saving lives they should call for a ban on driving. But then most people would starve to death because they would not be able to buy food. In the same way a ban on nuclear energy would cause many illnesses and deaths among people living in unheated houses. That is because the only alternatives to nuclear electricity for heating are fossil fuels or wind. We cannot continue to use

fossil fuels because of their effect on global warming, while wind is about two and a half times more expensive than nuclear. Thus householders would have to pay several hundred MORE dollars per month for wind-powered electricity, compared with nuclear. I believe that thousands of people simply could not afford that, such as those living on unemployment benefits, welfare, minimum-wage jobs, etc. Also, it is by no means obvious that wind would be safer than nuclear, for there have been 40 fatal accidents related to wind power since it became popular in the modern era. Since wind contributed less than one per cent of total world energy in that period, this means that if all our energy were from wind, we would have 4,000 fatalities in 35 years world-wide, which translates to about three per year in Canada. This is an extremely small number, yet it is quite a lot more than the risk from Uranium tailings, which is even more minuscule.

Prof. J.M. McNamee
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Matt Duchene has been on a scoring streak in the world under-18 hockey championships in Russia.



Cody Hodgson, who started his hockey career in Haliburton, is one of this year's top draft picks.

Friends contribute to Canada's success

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But the team regrouped and dominated in their fourth game winning 6-0 over Slovakia. It was a game that saw the Haliburton connection combine for four goals — a hat trick by Duchene and a game-winner by Hodgson, who both started their hockey careers at the Haliburton arena.

Canada then defeated Finland 2-1 in a nail bitter. The red and white managed a delay-of-game penalty with less than a minute left in the game. With Finland on the man advantage and their net empty, it was 6-on-4 but Canada managed to stave off a flurry of Finland threats for the win.

The game was arguably Hodgson's most impressive game of the tournament; he scored his second game-winning goal.

"It wasn't pretty but good teams find ways to win," said Hodgson in a Hockey Canada press release after the win against Finland. "Our goaltender has been unbelievable during this championship and had a strong game again today."

Given the way they played, Duchene said they feel fortunate to have the win. "We learned from our mistakes and used that knowledge in the game against Sweden," Duchene said.

On Wednesday Team Canada will face the Russians in the gold medal game. Duchene says the team is just trying to stay loose.

"You don't want to get too tense before a game like we're going to play," said Duchene. "We think we can play even better than we have been and now that we know we play Russia we want some big-time revenge [for Russia's victory in the preliminary round]."

The gold medal game will be broadcast live on TSN April 23 at 11 a.m. McKeck's Place in Haliburton will have the game on its television screens.

Seatbelt stops lead to impaired charges

Three people were charged with alcohol-related driving offences on Friday.

Early Friday morning an officer from the Haliburton Highlands OPP stopped a vehicle in the village of Haliburton. The officer had conversation with the 29-year-old driver from Joly Township who was subsequently arrested and charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs.

That morning an officer from the O.P.P. Central Region Snowmobile, ATV, and Vessel Enforcement team was participating in the O.P.P. Spring Seat Belt Initiative in Haliburton. The officer stopped a vehicle and had conversation with the driver. The driver was arrested after failing a roadside screening device. A 50-year-old Highlands East man has been charged with Drive Over 80mgs.

At a seatbelt stop on Hwy 118 that night, an officer stopped a vehicle and had conversation with the driver. The 49-year-old driver from Enniskillen was subsequently charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs.

Victims knew assailant

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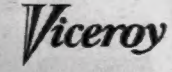
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- uttering threats
- pointing a firearm
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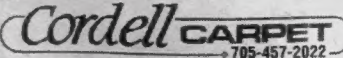
This is the second assault in the Highlands in two weeks. Asked whether people should feel concerned, McMaster notes that this was not a random incident.

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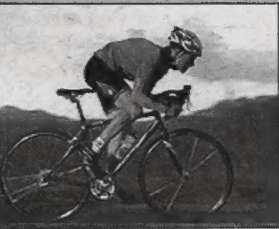
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Lights out for tobacco displays

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Ontario's government is about to put the phrase "Out of sight, out of mind," to the test.

Starting on May 31, stores across the province will no longer be allowed to display tobacco products to the public in the next stage of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

In Haliburton, store owners' reactions to the new legislation have been mixed to date. Some agree with the government's intention (which is to keep cigarettes out of the view of impressionable youth) while others argue that the new "dark market" will unfairly cost store owners.

Jim Henwood, owner of Henwood's Variety, is one such retailer who worries the approach may be misguided.

"I honestly don't believe that covering up cigarettes is going to have an overall effect on smoking rates," says Henwood. "A customer doesn't come into a store and decide they're going to smoke. That's a decision that's already been made before they come through the door."

Part of Henwood's concern with the new regulations stems from the cost to retailers to make the switchover. Just last week, Henwood ordered all new shelving units for his store that will conceal cigarettes and tobacco products behind the counter.



Tobacco sales in Ontario are currently in a state of transition. By the end of next month retailers across the province - including Haliburton storeowners such as Jim Henwood - will no longer be able to display cigarettes in their stores in the next stage of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

Photo enhancement by Greg Hoekstra

The shelves came with a price tag of \$750, none of which is subsidized.

"That money comes right out of my pocket, but I really had no choice," he says, adding that the cost could be even more of a barrier to smaller retailers.

Another concern for some store owners is how the changeover might affect revenue, but Henwood says that is less of a worry for him.

"I think some customers are going to be shocked and wonder what happened, but once they see what's going on they'll realize it's business as usual," he says. "It's just an education process really. And it's going to be the same everywhere, so it's not like I'm at a disadvantage."

Cindy Ablett, owner of Moo Moo Movies and Gas Bar in Wilberforce, says she

agrees with the government's Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

Ablett says she stopped selling cigarettes at her store after a number of break-ins in the area, but as a smoker herself she thinks it's important to do whatever is possible to prevent young people from smoking.

"It will be a pain in the butt for stores that sell them and I feel for them, but I do think it's a good idea. They might just be on the right track here."

Kris Kadwell, a Provincial Offences Officer with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, stresses that the changeover isn't just aimed at protecting youth from smoking (though that is a concern) but it's actually intended to take smoking out of the public eye altogether.

"I see it as a way to de-normalize one of the few products that, if used as directed, kills people," he says. "But picture a young person going into a store, and there's all these candy bars and chips on display, and then the biggest and most prominent display is the cigarettes."

As a former smoker himself, Kadwell says he feels the new rules will also help people who are trying to quit.

"Smoking is partially a habit, but it's partially an impulse. If you go into a store and see your brand of cigarettes prominently displayed its going to be tougher for you," he says.

However, Kadwell does recognize what he calls the "plight of the retailers" to meet the regulations. And as the local enforcement officer, he says that there will be a grandfathering period where offending storeowners will first be given a warning rather than a fine. (Fines for non-compliance can be as high as \$5,000 for employees and \$10,000 for storeowners).

"It's not as though on June 1 there will be 46 charges to all the vendors in Haliburton and Minden," says Kadwell. "Like

anything in law, it comes down to how you enforce it. You could get a speeding ticket for driving 5 km/h over the limit, but in most cases you wouldn't."

Laurie Scott, MPP for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding and Opposition Critic for Health Promotion, says she too agrees with the philosophy behind the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, even if she is at odds with the Liberal government pushing it through.

"We have to do all we can to protect our young people from second hand smoke and from starting to smoke," she says.

But, Scott does add that she feels the government's approach to implementing the new rules could have been easier on business owners.

"It's been hard on retailers, there is no question," she says. "I think that more consultation with the business community on how to approach this would have been a better tactic."

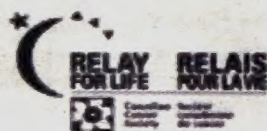
Perhaps more importantly, says Scott, is the effect that contraband cigarettes are having not only on local storeowners, but also on the government's tax revenues.

Earlier this month Scott caused a stir in the provincial legislature when she confronted Margaret Best, the province's Minister of Health Promotion, over an illegal cigarette shop on government owned property in Caledonia. The shop is less than 1,200 metres from two schools, and children were reportedly buying cigarettes there without proper identification.

"[Minister Best] doesn't even have the courtesy to explain to parents why her government is facilitating the sale of untested, hazardous tobacco products to their children," charged Scott.

For more on contraband cigarettes and their affect on local retailers please watch for part two of this story, to be continued in a future edition of the Echo.

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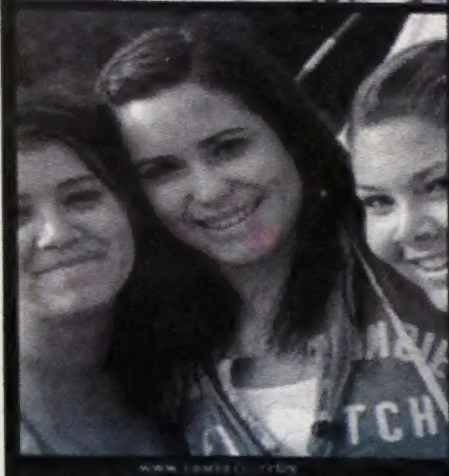
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Locals continue the battle against uranium

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's environmentalists came out in full force at the citizens' inquiry into uranium mining on Tuesday afternoon at Peterborough's Sadlier House.

Taking a variety of approaches – from a group of singing "sirens" to Environment Haliburton's silent Green Man to old-fashioned speeches – groups from Eastern Ontario shared with the panel their opposition to proposed uranium mining.

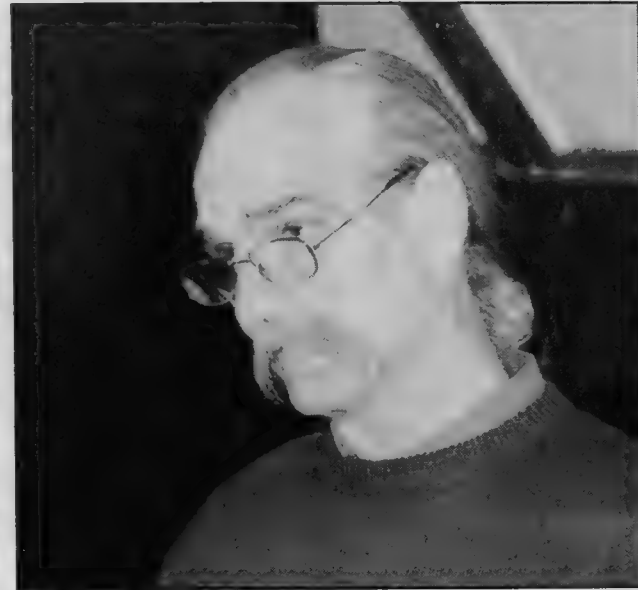
"Our mandate is to stop the mining in our area and to pressure the Ontario government to change the Mining Act and call a moratorium on the mining, preferably in all of Ontario," said Christine Atrill, a founding member of the Highlands East group Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration (FUME).

Atrill and her partner Robin Simpson shared their experiences with Bancroft Uranium, which has been staking land around Tory Hill during the past six months, looking for uranium.

"Robin and I were out for a walk one day and we noticed that there was a lot of slashing going on in the bush so we decided to take a walk because we were a little worried they might be looking to put in a mine somewhere,"



Christine Atrill speaks at a meeting in Peterborough about a moratorium on uranium mining in Ontario.



Robin Simpson keeps a close eye on things that happen around his property.

Atrill said. "Sure enough, we took a walk and found one of the stakes. We went home and found the [Ontario] Ministry of Northern Development and Mines's claim website and found out that our land was part of a claim – a very large claim. So there it began," she said.

Atrill and Simpson were two of about 40 delegations speaking to the inquiry's panel Tuesday. Their comments will be recorded and combined with the presentations made in Sharbot Lake, Kingston and Ottawa and presented in a report to both the federal and provincial governments.

The afternoon session attracted such anti-uranium heavyweights as Bruce Cox, executive director of Greenpeace Canada; chief Paula Sherman of the Ardoch First Nation; Donna Dillman, who held the hunger strike that led to the inquiry; and Mark Winfield, a York University

environmental studies professor and former senior research associate of the Pembina Institute.

Heather Ross, vice-president of Environment Haliburton, introduced her group's new mascot, the Green Man, and demanded the Ontario government re-examine the Mining Act, which heavily favours prospectors over landowners.

"Here's the rub: the current [mining] operations are on the people's land, not on private land. Therefore, the official plans and the statements of the will of the people are not in effect because the Mining Act rules. Companies have no obligation to consult with the community," Ross said.

She thanked the municipality of Highlands East (where all of the mining would take place) for passing a moratorium on uranium mining at its last meeting, even though the motion was symbolic since mines are under provincial jurisdiction.

The townships of Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands have also supported Highlands East's moratorium.

Each delegation was allowed 10 minutes to explain his or her position on mining and although the organizers, the Community Coalition Against Uranium Mining, explained any viewpoint was welcome to join the inquiry, only anti-uranium voices were heard.

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FUME points out possible water contamination

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Winfield spent his short time racing through a slide presentation on the nuclear industry and the environmental risks associated with uranium mining.

"The industry's claims of being clean are largely focused on power-plant operations and one of the crucial things about nuclear power is that under normal circumstances the risks are actually located away in space and time from the point at which the electricity is being generated," he said.

Winfield spent years researching the dirty side of the industry and outlined the risks the people of Eastern Ontario will be taking if mines are allowed to establish.

The basic danger for the environment comes from what is left over from mining ore, in what are called the tailings, he said.

The tailings can contain radionuclides and heavy metals like arsenic, selenium and cadmium, which have to be carefully monitored or they can enter the water supply. Dust at the site blown by the wind onto neighbouring lots can also carry dangerous substances and radon gas into the environment.

"Once you make a decision to go down a nuclear path you're basically stuck with it for 50 or 60 years. That's the juncture we're

at in Ontario in terms of energy policy," Winfield said.

He suggested that if mining happened here, it would be *in-situ* leaching (a way of separating the uranium from the ore with sulphuric acid) rather than open pit mining.

Trevor Figueiredo, of Green-spirit Strategies that works for Bancroft Uranium, said any mining in Highlands East will be open pit.

"This will be an open pit mine – no leachate or chemical processing of ore will be done on site. The mine will simply mine the uranium via a simple centrifuge process and then truck it out to be processed at an appropriate facility off-site. The open pit mine will meet rigorous environmental standards while providing economic and social benefits to the people of the community," he wrote in an e-mail Monday.

According to Simpson and Atrill, it's possible the water supply in Highlands East has already been contaminated with uranium from the last time the rock was mined.

"There was a study by the Ministry of the Environment in 2003 that basically showed above-background levels of uranium ... and all kinds of other contaminants. It showed that these contaminants had spread to the lakes and mines. There was some



A member of the group 'sirens' plays out the part of 'uranium' in a 10-minute skit about the effects of uranium and the risks of open pit mining.

uptake of these contaminants in fathead minnows, which means that it's in the food chain," she said.

Simpson was clear that FUME wasn't expecting much of the government without heavy pressure from concerned citizens, and in the case of Haliburton, cottagers.

"These mining companies are getting their foot in the door, which means if they in fact do call a moratorium, all of those mining companies are going to sue the Ontario government. [The government's] just going to have to suck it up and pay because we're not going to let them do this to us," Simpson said.

"Wherever there are cottagers, mobilize them. Get them to not only approach their local MPs, their local MPPs, but get them to go home and scream at their hometown MPs and MPPs. Our focus is going to be to mobilize the thousands of cottagers in Haliburton," he said.

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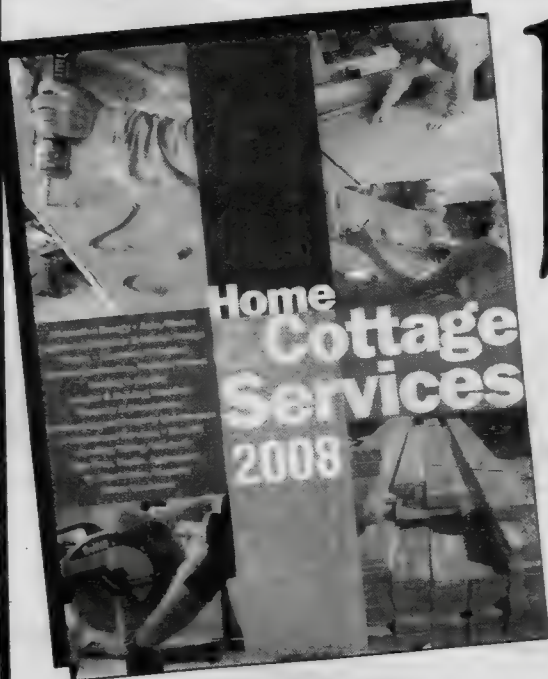
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Talks set to flow again as TSW negotiations resume

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

It's hoped that a strike of Parks Canada's Trent-Severn Waterways employees can be avoided.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada, which represents the workers, including the ones who manage the dams in the Haliburton Highlands, will return to the bargaining table on May 5.

Michel Boivin, the executive director for Parks Canada, is pleased that talks are resuming. "It's good news," he told the *Echo*.

The PSAC website says negotiations ended after 23 days when the union's bargaining team felt Parks Canada would not address the important issues. The agency said that the bargaining team walked away from the table before they had a chance to address the issues.

"Since the beginning Parks Canada has been stating there are other options and a strike is avoidable and now that they're back at the table we'll have to wait and see what happens," Boivin says.

If the two groups can't reach an agreement Boivin, says, "All the essential services would be maintained, such as water control operations. There would be no issues there."

The Public Service Alliance of Canada is bargaining on issues such as short-term and seasonal employment, shift premiums, compassionate care leave, injury-on-duty, and a wage increase.

Fundraiser still generates headaches for council

Councillor thought decision was already made to stop refunding faulty generators in Highland Grove

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the April 8 meeting of Highlands East council.

Council is still paying the price for generators sold by the Highland Grove fire department during a fundraising drive in 2006 and 2007.

Last July, Highlands East issued a "stop use notice" and announced that they were investigating the legitimacy of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approval stickers on the generators sold. Some of the units were later found to have phony stickers, so the municipality began offering full refunds in light of safety concerns.

Dozens of generators were collected last summer but months later it seems some are still lurking in the township.

Last week, council refunded another \$325 to a resident who purchased a generator from the Highland Grove hall, though not without some concern.

"I thought we were already done with this," said Councillor Gary Stoughton, suggesting that council had agreed to stop offering refunds months ago.

"And I was under the understanding that we were only supposed to refund generators sold by the chief and one other captain," added CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

No one at the council table could remember whether they had formally agreed to stop offering refunds, but it was suggested that they should now pass a resolution to say "That's it."

Meanwhile, Reeve Dave Burton said he planned to get a group of firefighters together to strip and destroy all of the generators collected over the past 10 months.

A 'loop' hole

Members of the Loop Troupe theatre group have agreed to become a committee of council, qualifying them for coverage under the municipality's insurance plan.

Last month council sent a letter to all volunteer organizations in Highlands East asking that they consider becoming a formal committee as a safeguard in case any accidents occur on the township's property. The Loop Troupe was one of the first groups to respond to the re-

quest and met with council last Tuesday.

Adele Barnes said the Loop Troupe had considered buying its own insurance in the past but never got around to it, so they were happy to hear that their plays and activities could be covered under the township's policy.

As a formal committee the Loop Troupe will still act independently, but will now be required to inform council of any fundraising efforts and supply a year-end financial statement for review.

Still, council felt the work required was more than worth the security of being covered, and hopes that more groups come forward in the coming weeks.

"Peace of mind is worth putting together a financial report at the end of the year," said Councillor Suzanne Partridge.

"We're trying to encourage use of our buildings and make sure that everyone who uses them is safe," added Burton.

Kitty litter

Council may expand the municipality's new cat bylaw to the town of Wilberforce after a number of complaints about stray cats.

The bylaw currently covers only the Cardiff town site but now it seems the stray population is growing in Wilberforce as well.

Most councillors seemed open to the idea of expanding the bylaw, though Councillor Suzanne Partridge said she would only support it if there was a genuine problem.

"I just don't want to see us putting onerous restrictions on a community where there isn't a problem," said Partridge. "We can't be telling people in Gooderham not to put their cats out, for example."

Blast from the past

The municipality is entertaining a proposal to re-establish roller skating during the summer months at the Wilberforce arena.

A request for council's thoughts on the idea came in a letter last week from Karen Hutt, who currently operates the arena's snack bar.

In the letter Hutt wrote that she had been approached by several parents concerned that there was little for their kids to do in the summer. Hutt has suggested having the arena open for the same hours as winter public skating, which would be Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, she has also proposed having a weekly movie night at the arena.

Council has requested a formal proposal from Hutt for their meeting today (April 22). However, some safety concerns were raised, and council would need to ensure that all of Hutt's roller skates are in good shape before lending them out for public use.

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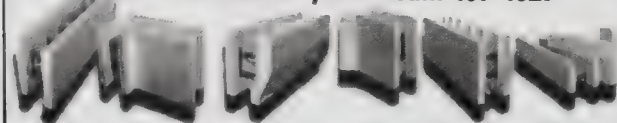
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MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Five chefs are going to spice up people's lives by creating delicious dishes from five European countries at the 11th annual Feast of Foods this Saturday at Fleming College.

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Gord Skinner of the Delta Pinestone Resort, Mike Merritt of Bonnie View Inn, Alex McCracken from his In-House Chef catering company, Ron Tenthorey of George Henri Chocolate and Chris Carl are volunteering to prepare the food. Mike Jaycock will be the evening's humorous emcee.

Merritt has been working as a sous chef at the Bonnie View Inn for the past four years and "This year I was asked if I wanted to do it and I thought it was a great opportunity," said Merritt.

Merritt was asked to choose a country to use as a theme for the type of meal he would prepare. His choice: India.

"I have a little bit of experience cooking Indian food, I have a few Indian friends," he said.

For an appetizer Merritt is preparing handmade samosa with chutney. For the main course it's Chicken Tikka Masala, marinating the chicken in yogurt and 12 spices for 24 hours. The chicken will be grilled and simmered in tomato sauce.

"It's a whole new endeavour for me," said Merritt.

He is looking forward to learning from the other chefs, which is hard to do otherwise, given the hours they work.

"I think it's going to be a great experience," said Merritt. "People are going to try new creative things from the chefs in the area."

Fleming's cooking program students will also be lending a hand.

Gord Skinner, the executive chef at the Delta Pinestone Resort, helped organize the master grocery list and will also be cooking up a storm. Skinner has been involved in the annual fundraiser for about five years and his country of choice was Morocco.

The cooking will start at about 7 p.m. and the chefs will cook for about 90 minutes. There will also be an auction, which emcee Jaycock says is filled with outstanding art pieces from the teachers at the School of The Arts and local artists.

Since the event began more than \$100,000 has been raised for bursaries, scholarships, and special projects at the Haliburton campus. There are few tickets remaining. To get yours call Leona DeCarlo at (705) 749-5530 ext. 1204.



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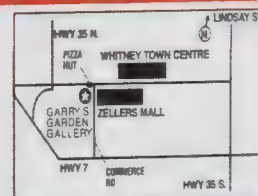
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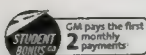
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Some businesses ignoring sign bylaw

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The Municipality of Dysart et al is having a tough time getting businesses to comply with its new sign bylaw.

Both bylaw enforcement officer Matt Aldom and chief building inspector Dan Sayers met with coun-

cil last week and informed them that three businesses in the downtown core have recently erected new signs without applying for a sign permit.

Sayers said part of the problem is that some business owners are unaware there is a bylaw regulating signs. Others are aware and choose to ignore the

requirement.

In all three cases the township has not charged the business but has informed owners that future signage must be approved. Still, the lack of enforcement caused some on council to question why the bylaw exists in the first place.

"Are we just going to

ignore them all," asked Reeve Murray Fearrey. "If we aren't going to enforce it, then why bother with the bylaw?"

Councillor Steve Pogue agreed and said the municipality should begin strictly enforcing the new rules, otherwise they will continue to be ignored.

"It's going to take a few

instances like this to get it out there that there is a bylaw," said Pogue.

Councillor Derek Knowles, who helped develop the bylaw, asked Sayers how many businesses had actually applied for permits since the bylaw was first passed last fall. Sayers said that, to date, his department has issued only three sign permits.

Despite a sluggish start for the new bylaw, council agreed to continue pushing for businesses to follow the new rules, and also created a sign committee, made up of Knowles and fellow councillor Andrea Roberts, who will deal with applications on a case-by-case basis.

"Obviously the sign bylaw isn't meant to inhibit anybody, it's just meant to encourage some kind of conformity," said Knowles.

"The point of it was to protect the town, not to stifle things," echoed Roberts. "It's to help maintain the look of our village."

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo



The Haliburton Teen Choir performs Duke Ellington's jazzy hit "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" during the 2008 Haliburton Highlands Music Festival highlights concert, held this past Saturday at the Northern Lights Pavilion. The concert featured 28 numbers performed by the county's finest musical talent. For more photos from the concert please visit our online photo gallery at www.haliburtonecho.ca

Highlighting Haliburton's finest musical talent

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

It's been said that music is the poetry of the air, the medicine of the mind, and the wine that fills the cup of silence.

This past Saturday organizers of the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival uncorked a bottle of the festival's finest – figuratively speaking, of course – for the 2008 Music Festival Highlights Concert and scholarship presentations.

Held at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton, this year's highlights concert featured 28 numbers performed by some of the county's most gifted musical talents.

The evening included a wide variety of selections, from classical numbers such as Clair Flatman's performance of J.S. Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in F minor" to Kyla Bryant's rendition of Willie Nelson's country ballad "Crazy."

Hannah Klose demonstrated her vocal range while singing "Colours of the Wind" from Disney's *Pocahontas*, Miko and Youkie Stagg tickled the keys during a duet of "Jazz Waltz," and the Haliburton Children's Choir put a smile on everyone's face during a playful version of

the schoolyard favourite "This Old Man."

The concert also featured two songs composed by one of the festival's adjudicators, Stella ter Hart. "Toe Tap" was performed by sisters Ali and Brigitta Hicks, while ter Hart's "Bit o' Boogie" was presented by friends Louis Ferracuti and Kieran Poropat.

Saturday's show was also sentimental for concert organizers Len and Kit Pizze, who bid farewell to Jocelyn Regina, a "very special young person with a love of music" who has participated in all 12 years of the festival.

Now in her final year of high school, Jocelyn is preparing to train for a career in music and has so far been offered the chance to study at the University of Toronto, the University of Western Ontario, and the Sheridan College. On Saturday night she received a standing ovation from her home audience after a phenomenal performance of A.E. Ginastera's "Danzas Argentinas."

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Swing Band brought the evening to a close with a pair of numbers, first John Coltrane's "Blue Trane" followed by crowd favourite "Chattanooga Choo Choo." Shortly beforehand, Haliburton Idol winner

Kelsey Crowe had the audience hanging off her every word during a lively performance of the song "Popular" from the Broadway musical *Wicked*.

Following the show Len Pizze announced the winners of the 2008 scholarships, intended to help promising students further their musical education. This year more than \$3,000 in scholarships were awarded thanks to the overwhelming generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout the county.

This year's scholarship winners included Algonquin Brass, Jordyn Archer, Jessica Bishop, Kelsey Crowe, Taylor Dobie, Melissa Dudgeon, Louis Ferracuti, Clair Flatman, Damon Flatman, Kim Gale, the HHSS music program, the Haliburton Children's Choir, Ali Hicks, Brigitta Hicks, the Highlands Concert Band, Matthew Kim, Janice Kitley, Shannon Lauzon, Jacob Outram, Jocelyn Regina, St. George's Choir, Youkie Stagg, Travis Stephen, the Stuart Baker Elementary School choir, Kathleen Tedford, and Justin van Lieshout.

Scholarship fund donations are always welcome and can be arranged by contacting Len and Kit Pizze at (705) 457-1363.



Sonya Flatman plays "Big Teddy Little Teddy."



Jocelyn Regina, who has participated in all 12 of the Haliburton Highlands Music Festivals, received a standing ovation from the audience after her piano performance of "Danzas Argentinas." Above, Regina sings "Batti, batti o bel Masetto."



Haliburton Idol winner Kelsey Crowe sings "Popular" from the Broadway musical *Wicked*.

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Food is usually easy to get when you live in the Highlands. Starting at midnight on May 2, Lindsey Hawley, Ryan Kerr and dozens of other students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will go without food for 30 hours to raise money for World Vision.

No food for 30 hours is least they could do: students

MARTHA PERKINS

Staff Reporter

As hard as it will be to not eat for more than a day, two students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School know they still have it easy.

At the end of the 30-Hour Famine, Ryan Kerr and Lindsey Hawley will be able to gorge on a huge meal as their reward for taking part in the fundraising effort.

There are millions of children around the world who will have to continue not knowing when they will eat next.

World Vision, the beneficiary of the annual event, says that every year 10.5 million children die from disease or malnutrition as the result of hunger.

"It's not at all a sense of 'We're doing the right thing,'" Ryan says of being willing to not eat for 30 hours as a way of highlighting what life is like for people in impoverished countries. "It makes you think of how much you aren't doing. It's not that big a sacrifice."

Lindsey agrees. The event makes participants feel the hunger pangs but volunteering to go without food is not the same as not having any food to eat. "You can never be in the same position," she says. "You know you'll wake up the next morning and there will be food. It's sad to think of how easy we have it."

Two-hundred students have signed up to participate in the high school's 30-Hour Famine from midnight on May 2 to 6 a.m. on May 3. Last year 150 students signed up and 100 actually took the pledge.

Lindsey says the hardest part was psyching herself up to go without food for so long. "Once I was doing it there was lots of support and it was cool."

When Ryan took part in last year's event, not only did he get sick from drinking too much water and fruit juice, but it also changed his personality. Hungry, he says, "makes you cranky. You just find yourself being mean to people."

The students are asking the community to help them raise money and awareness of the needs of others. On the Friday night at 5:30, they'll be going door to door in Haliburton asking for donations for local food banks. As well, people are encouraged to sponsor a student. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the high school office.

Lindsey knows that most adults think teenagers think only of themselves but she hopes that the 30-Hour Famine will leave a different impression.

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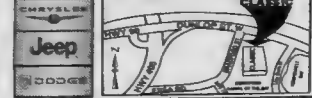
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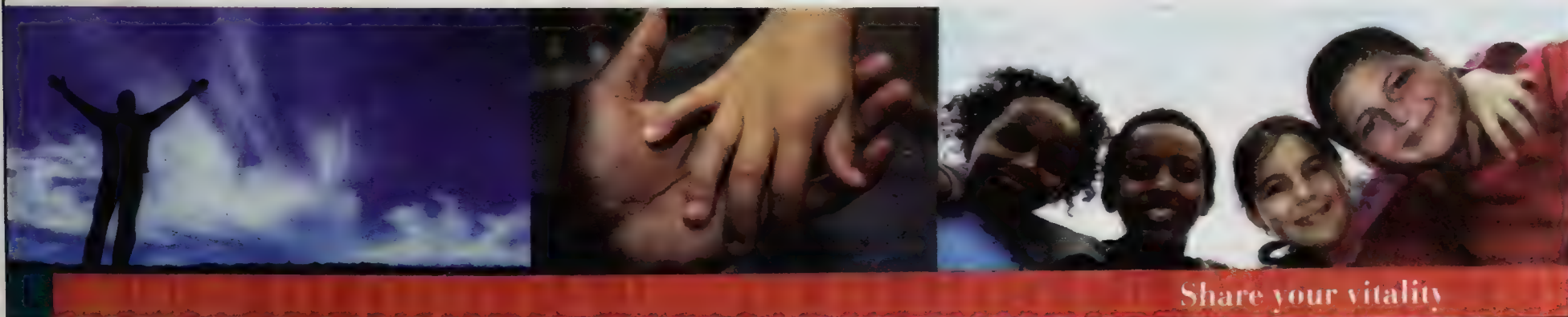
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Busy Bees are busy quilting for charity

For several years a group of quilters from this area have been meeting in the Harcourt Community Centre working on various projects, learning more about quilting and sharing ideas. They call themselves the Busy Bees and busy they have been, making quilts and other items for themselves, often instructed by Betty Hayward.

Recently they have become involved in making tops for quilts that will eventually provide physical as well as spiritual comfort for people with cancer. The tops, which can be adult-, youth- or child-sized, are donated to a non-profit charitable organization called Victoria's Quilts Canada based in Ottawa. A connection with this group was made through Jill Hayward, Betty's daughter. Already seven quilt tops have been donated by the group and more are in the works as the Busy Bees combine work on their own quilts and this outreach project.

Jill, who took the tops back to Victoria's Quilts in Ottawa, recently visited during one of the Monday morning sessions. She enjoyed the visit and thanked the local group, saying that the colourful fabrics and cheery patterns will be sure to bring a smile to all who see them and use them.

The Busy Bees include Eileen Knox, Lynn Burns, Fern Cvert, Lynette Clegg, Marlene Robertson, Marion Lawrence, Betty Hayward, Joan Clark, Debbie Mueller, Nancy Pekeski, Terri Clarke, Flo Elliott and recent new member Terry Smith.

For information on the local group or Victoria's Quilts, call Betty Hayward at 705 448 3351. Requests can be made for a quilt for someone who has cancer and lives in Canada. Mailing address is Victoria's Quilts Canada 454-1568 Merivale Rd. Ottawa, ON K2G 5Y7 or phone (613) 843-9212. To review their privacy policy visit

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Best wishes are extended to Bev and Phil Waldram of Wilberforce who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A fine evening celebration took place at the Harcourt Community Centre on Saturday April 19. This included renewal of their wedding vows, best-wishes from family and friends, lots of music, dancing, and fine refreshments. Guests included family and friends from near and far including places such as Chatham, London, Cambridge, Burlington, Hamilton, Smithville, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, and Stratford.

The Waldrams live at Maple View in Wilberforce. Before retirement they had lived in the Baptiste Lake area where Mr. Waldram was in the carpentry and construction business.

May Bev and Phil enjoy many more happy years together.

Heather Whaley, a popular song writer, poet and story-teller, will perform in the Highlands on Saturday, April 26, 2008. She will be at the new R.D. Lawrence Place at the Cultural Centre in Minden. This is a special fundraising event hosted by the Haliburton Writers' and Editors' Network. Come and join in a wine and cheese reception which begins at 7 p.m. followed by the musical evening about 8 p.m.. The cost is \$20 for members of HHWEN and the Cultural Centre and \$25 for non-members. Contact Pauline at (705) 489-3878 or Sharon at 286-6276 for information or tickets. Heather Whaley with props and guitar will pay tribute to Ron Lawrence, himself a master storyteller. She specializes in traditional music, ballads and blues. Sounds like a great evening. Do join the fun.

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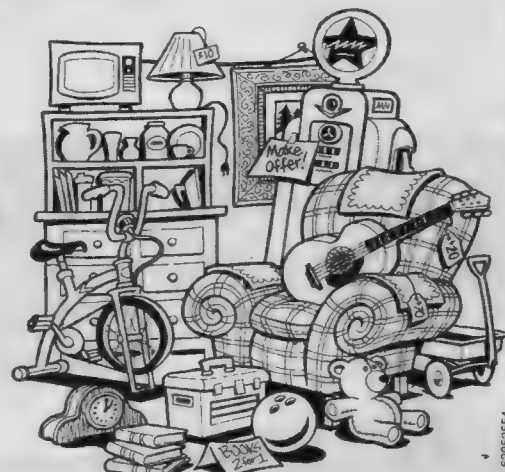
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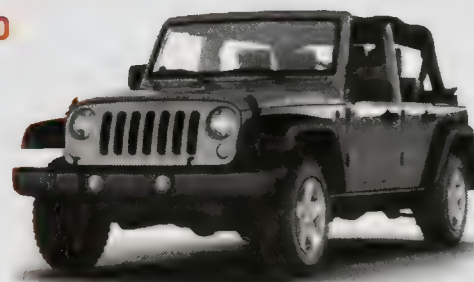


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Everyone welcome to 'You've Gotta Have Art'

A red carpet gala honours the arts in the Haliburton Highlands on Saturday, May 3rd

"You've Gotta Have Art", a spectacular celebration of the arts in the Haliburton Highlands, is Saturday, May 3 at the Haliburton Legion. This 'red carpet' event that honours the outstanding contributions of individuals and groups who make and have made the Haliburton Highlands such a strong arts community.

"There is a lot to celebrate about the arts in Haliburton County," said Jim Blake of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands, which hosts the annual event. "The activities of hundreds of artists, performing arts groups, arts businesses and organizations and the Haliburton School of The Arts attract thousands of visitors to the county each year, make a significant contribution to the economy and enhance the vibrancy of our community. The incredible variety of opportunities to enjoy and be involved

in creative activity make Haliburton County a wonderful place to live and a unique place to visit."

The more than 300 members of the Arts Council have been nominating individuals or groups in five different categories including: Artist of Distinction, Emerging Artist, Youth Artist, Supporter and Founder to be honoured at the gala. The Arts Council recognizes artists involved in creative activity in any arts discipline (performing arts, dance, music, theatre, visual arts, craft, media and design arts, literary arts, multidisciplinary arts and arts that defy description). Members and non-members may be nominated. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition for their contribution to the community. One outstanding individual or group in each category will be celebrated

at the Gala and will receive, a hand-crafted, art piece created by a local artist.

"You've Gotta Have Art" will be an evening to remember. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Gala runs from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. It starts with a reception with sweet and savoury canapés created by the Old Country House Restaurant followed by the presentation of the honours, punctuated with a wonderful array of performances featuring local artists. The celebration of the honourees will be capped off with a dance to live music. This event was sold out last year so we encourage

you to book your tickets early. Tickets are \$30 per person. Call 457-3555 to reserve your tickets.

Patient News Publishing has taken a lead sponsorship role for the Gala. "We are thrilled to be a sponsor," commented Karen Galley, President of Publish News Publishing. "The contribution of the arts to our community is a good news story and we are pleased to be involved in this exciting and worthwhile event to recognize and celebrate of the arts in

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BID INVITATION

The Township of Minden Hills invites Bids from interested general contractors for the **Minden Hills Library, Minden, Ontario**. The work generally consists of a new building connected to an existing facility, renovations to the existing facility, hard and soft landscaping, new pavements, and exterior lighting, all as fully described in the Bid documents. The documents are available free of charge from the Municipality and the Architect beginning Wednesday April 16, 2008 at 12:00 noon.

Bids must be received by the Township no later than 2:00pm on Wednesday, May 7, 2008.

For further information please contact Duncan Ross Architect,
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Mail: P.O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

The successful candidate will have experience with chainsaw handling, traffic control and be able to perform heavy manual labour duties in an outside environment.

We thank all who apply for their participation in this process, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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All regular meetings of Council shall convene at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month and at 9:00 a.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Meetings of the Public Meeting Committee shall be held in the Council Chambers at the Dysart Municipal Administrative Office Building, at 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, when required.

When a regular meeting day falls on a holiday, the Council shall meet on the next business day following at the same time as specified above.

Tammy McKeivey, A.M.C.T.,
CAO/Clerk



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-015/08
Applicant: HARCOURT PARK INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Lease

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of April, 2008.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.

Director of Planning

County of Haliburton

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Build it and they will come, even if it takes two years

There are signs of spring in West Guilford – peony shoots, daffodil shorts, crocus in bloom, ice melting in Pine and Grass Lakes, and two bluebirds returning to the birdhouses built, one long ago by John Barclay, the other more recently by Ray Loughlen. It wasn't until the second one was built and set up that the bluebirds came.

This will be their third summer with us, and oh, how we enjoy their colour and song.

I report these obvious items in lieu of real news because I have been absent when calls may have come from people with news.

Although I am sure that the sports page will cover this, we still are proud of Mat-

thew Duchene in his hockey prowess at the international youth games, proud of his Guilford connection as we keep cheering him and Cody Hodgson on to victory.

Keith Burns accepted the scholarship cheque on Saturday evening at the Highlights Concert which celebrated the musical performances at the Festival in the previous week, on behalf of the Highlands Concert Band and I accepted the scholarship on behalf of St. George's Anglican Church Choir.

Two other Guilford scholarship recipients were Kathleen Tedford, daughter of Susan and Jim Lec, and Melissa Dudgeon, granddaughter of Teddy Miller. Congratulations to them both.

community news

west guildford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Branch elections being held on May 8

First off I would like to thank everyone who came out to the general meeting last Thursday. Good to see everyone there.

Just a reminder that our branch elections are being held on Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. It is hard to believe that a year has past already.

On Sunday evening around 100 people showed up for the volunteer appreciation afternoon. A heartfelt thank you to all the people who volunteer at the branch; it is truly appreciated by all. Without you the branch would not be able to run. Thank you one and all.

The sports officer finally found someone to play cards with on Monday and guess what? He finally lost. Ha! Ha!

On April 8 two teams travelled to play in the mixed zone dart tournament in Bobcaygeon. They were Keith Smith, Bev White, Jack Briggs, and Chris Briggs. The

second team was Jack Greavette, Carla Watson, John Briggs and Jennifer Briggs. In team play Keith, Bev, Jack and Chris

took fourth place to continue on to District in Campbellford. In the mixed doubles Jack and Chris Briggs took first place and John and Jennifer took third place to qualify to play in district. Thank you to both of the teams for participating in the tournament and representing Branch 129.

Another dart season is almost over. Thank you to everyone who came out to play on Tuesday night although participation dropped hopefully next season will bring more participation.

Please feel free to drop by the branch on Friday afternoons for the meet draw, it is open to the public. After all when you see how much fun everyone is having you may decide to join. See you next time.

community news

legion br. 129

Carla Watson
457-2571

Arts Council provides strong voice

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Haliburton County."

The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands was formed in 2003 with the mandate to provide a strong voice for the arts in Haliburton County; to serve as a catalyst for community economic development through the arts; and to contribute to the vibrancy of the arts and community life. In four short years the Arts Council has attracted a membership of 155 artists

and 160 organizations, businesses and supporters—growing into one of Ontario's largest community arts councils. The Arts Council is engaged in a wide range of activities including publishing an annual arts directory, distributing monthly listings of arts, culture and heritage activities, running an artists-in-the-schools program linking local artists with local schools, offering professional development workshops and holding events to connect people working in all sectors of the arts.

community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

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Go to the Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at:
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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Apr 23:** Osteoarthritis (OA) Class – 2 hour educational session on Osteoarthritis concentrating on the hips, knees, ankles, and feet. The class will be held from 10 – 12pm in the Haliburton Physiotherapy Dept. For more info and to register call 457-1392. ext 226. Space is limited.
- **Apr 24:** Figure out Food Labels – with registered dietitian Rosie Kadwell, 5:30 pm in Haliburton. Please call 457-1391 ext. 245 for more information and to sign up.
- **Apr 24:** The University Women's Club of Haliburton Highlands invites its members to the annual process of discussion, debate, and amendment to provincial, and national CFUW resolutions at its monthly meeting. Starts at 2pm in Room 11 at Fleming College.
- **Apr 25:** Registration for the Smart Program – safe, fun, and gentle exercise program geared to seniors. Seniors who wish to improve their balance, flexibility strength and want to work at their own pace should consider this program. Registration at 10am at Community Care in Haliburton and 1pm at the Community Healthcare centre in Minden. For more info please call Brigitte at Community Care at 457-2941.
- **Apr 26:** Kinmount Committee for Planning and Development – will be holding it's Annual Dinner/Auction at the Galway Hall. Tickets are \$25. Dinner starts at 7pm. Exciting prizes to be won include VIA Rail Passes, Tickets to the Stratford Festival, Agawa Canyon Trail Tour passes and much more! Contact Joyce Brown 488-2687 or Diane Austin 488-2635.
- **Apr 26:** Haliburton Highlands Land Trust – Annual General Meeting – at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Learn more about the work the Land Trust is doing to preserve Haliburton County's Natural Heritage. Special Presentation by Paul Heaven. More information at info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 754-2532.
- **Apr 26:** Heather Whaley in Concert, Poet, Songwriter, singer, story teller. Wine and cheese cash bar) at 7pm – Concert begins at 8pm, for more information please call Pauline Johnson at 705-489-3878 or Sharon Lawrence at 705-286-6276. Tickets available at The Storeroom in Minden, The Minden Hills Cultural Centre, and Kitchen's Etc. in Haliburton.
- **Apr 28:** Taoist Tai Chi Society @ new classes begin soon. Free introductory demonstrations and information sessions in Minden, Haliburton or Wilberforce between April 28 and May 13. Come along and try a few moves. Call Brenda at 447-2148 for dates and Times.
- **Apr 29:** Emergency First Aid and Level A CPR Course – Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton – 8:30am – 4:30pm. For more information please call St. John's Ambulance, Kawartha Branch at 324-9894
- **Apr 29 & 30:** Standard First Aid and Level A CPR Course – Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton – 8:30am – 4:30pm. Must attend both sessions. For more information please call St. John's Ambulance, Kawartha Branch at 324-9894
- **Apr 30:** Spring Luncheon – Haliburton United Church – Soup and sandwich, dessert and beverage for only \$6.00. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- **May 1:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m.. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **May 1:** Fashion Show of all the great bargains to be found at the Lily Ann Thrift Shop. West Guilford Community Centre, 7:30 pm.
- **May 2:** Introduction to Feng Shui. May 2 – 7 to 8:30 pm. Call for more information 705-457-2941
- **May 2:** When We Were Young – Performance at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. An intergenerational project involving seniors and youth in the writing and illustrating of a short story book and theatrical adaptation of those stories. Call Community Care for more info 457-2941.
- **May 3:** Feng Shui Intensive – 9 am to 5 pm. At Community Care Drop in Centre. For cost or more information please call 457-2941.
- **May 3:** Sissy's Love Connection – A new fundraising initiative for children of Haliburton Highlands to recognize the community involvement of Janice Crawford from Jan's Hair Affair. Silent Auction, Raffles, 50:50 draw at Fleming College. 1-4pm. For more info or to donate please call Sharon Harrison, 286-1940.
- **May 4:** Feng Shui for the Garden – 1 pm to 5 pm. CC Drop In Centre. Half day workshop. Call for cost and more info. 705-457-2941
- **May 6:** Minden and District Horticultural Society – 7:30pm at the Minden Community Centre. General Meeting with speaker Peter Hill "Square Foot Gardening". Treats – Chocolate surprise.
- **May 7:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m.. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County . A new picture every day at jackbush.my-expressions.com
- Adult Badminton – Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765.
- Al-Anon Meetings – Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease – "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting – is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre - Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+). Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge Mondays at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre Thursdays at 1 p.m. & Cribbage Fridays at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games- Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults – offered by Community Care every Thursday with instructor Gail Holeness. Call 457-2941 for more info.

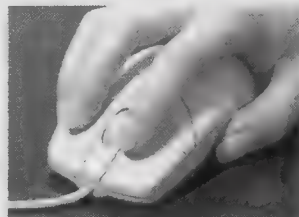
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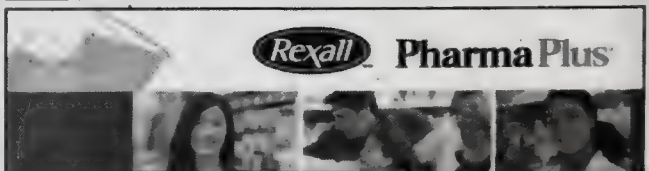
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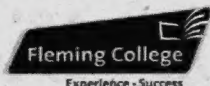
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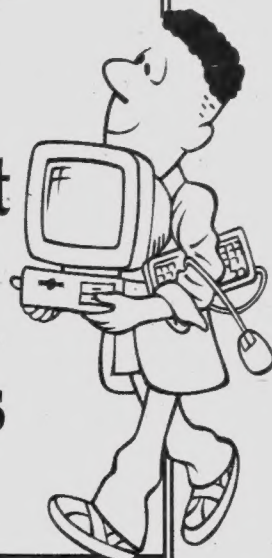


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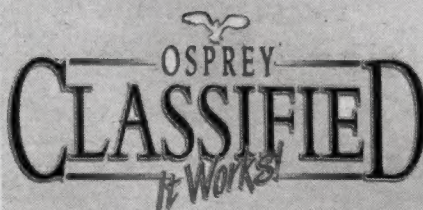
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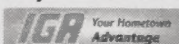
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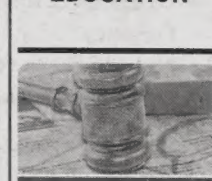
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"Bill, Sandra, Alex, Amelia & Kevin

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Thank You Cards

THANK YOU!

To everyone who supported us!
Such a great turn out! Special thanks to the girls who worked so hard for weeks getting things underway -

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Jane Rosenberg, Sue Long, Diana Hutchings.
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Thank You Cards

To Our Friends of Haliburton,

Stuart and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have said prayers for our family and have phoned, left messages at our home. You have all given much comfort at our difficult time. In particular I would like to thank, Sheldon, Jeanette, Kelly, Cindy, Beatrice, who spent most of their Sunday cleaning the shop after the attack, and Don Van Nood for your kind gesture. We would also like to thank the paramedics, police, hospital staff and Steve Feracutti for their professionalism and kind support to the whole family.

We are so far away from home and through difficult times, it's comforting to know we have so many friends. Thank you Haliburton.

Melissa and Stuart

Stuart,

It's unbearable to see you in so much pain every day with your back and you didn't deserve being attacked on Saturday. You are a kind, loving man and I am so proud of you. I will always be here for you no matter what life may throw at us. I always have, and will always love you each and every day.

Missy x

Thank You Cards

Deaths

CASEY, Earle Robert Cecil - 1924-2008. Passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at Extendicare Haliburton on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in his 84th year.

Loving husband for almost 63 years to his "Dearie" and soul mate Jean (nee Gould). Wonderful father to Tim (Lorne), Dennis (Roxanne), Nedean (Dennis). Loving and much loved Poppa Earle of Pat (Jennifer), Joanna, Jason (Ashley), Pam, Kasey, Andrea (Dave), Lindsay, Danielle (Brad) and special Great Grampa to Regan, Parker, Reese, Kiera, McKinnon, Hannah, Devonte and Emily. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 www.gordonmonk-funeralhome.com on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 5-9 pm. Then to the Haliburton United Church for the Funeral Service on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 2:00 pm. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton United Church Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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In memoriam

HAYWOOD, Ross - In memory of a wonderful Dad and "Pops" and stepdad.

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To never have the chance to say goodbye,
Five long years, I still don't understand why.

I'm raising my own family, you would be so proud,
To be the best Dad that I can, I have solemnly vowed,
Sometimes it's tough but nothing compares,
To the love me and my little girls share.

When I speak of your name I can tell you are missed,
Their innocent faces, tears I try to resist,
If you were here "Grandpa J", you would be treasured,
For a Grandfather's love can never be measured.

So many things have changed since you've been gone,
But one thing's for sure, your name carries on,
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G. 'Kelly' Metcalf C.A.

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Unexpectedly in his sleep while on vacation in Florida on Saturday April 12, 2008 in his 81st year. Kelly was born Sept. 16, 1927 in Bancroft, Ontario, one of seven children. Kelly moved to Peterborough and then to Toronto in 1957. He was a loving husband to Jacqueline Metcalf (nee Robertson). Cherished father to Catherine (Paul) and Patricia (Rob). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Gordon and Diana. Kelly will be greatly missed by his sisters Mary and Lillian and brothers Leslie and Stan. Predeceased by sister Edith and brother Earl. Kelly made many good friends through curling, work and church. He was also an avid bridge player and fisherman.

Visitation & Memorial Service



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\$545,687
GRASS LAKE

Beautifully finished 2200 sq ft home with master ensuite & w/o to large entertainment deck with a view of Grass Lake, part of the five lake chain. Sunken living rm with wood burning FP & cph. clgs. Main floor laundry, spacious entrance & built in appl's. Level nicely landscaped lot. Detached garage. A must see. Call Ken Barry



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\$129,900
WENONA LAKE ROAD

2 bdrm bungalow situated on a level lot. Close to access to lake. Large eat-in kitchen, livingroom w/FP, main floor laundry. Very well insulated, use as a cottage or year round home. Drilled well septic, maintenance free exterior. Call Troy & Linda.



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\$349,000!!
PRIME NEW 440 FT. SAND & SUNSETS

Beautiful & much envied Eagle Lake. A very large private new prime lakefront lot ready for your custom 4 season home. Call Peter now to discuss custom building plans for this summer.



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GULL LAKE

Great back lot on prestigious Gull Lake, close to 66 ft. road allowance that gives you access to the lake, and a view of the lake from the lot. Call for more information.

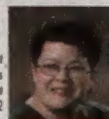


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\$109,900
LAKEVIEW HOME OR GETAWAY!

Across from McGee Lake, this 2 bdrm home has several recent upgrades and is a great opportunity for home ownership! 75 acres in Terry Hill close to the park, trails and shared use of a dock for great fishing! A portable double grill w/foundation, heat & hydro plus 2 storage sheds add to this great lot. This home must be seen and is only a 20 mins Hwy. drive from Haliburton! Call Terry Carr.



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Above the Crowd!



\$209,000

Gull River: A short distance up from Gull Lake. A delightful 3 bdrm. cottage, 4 pc. bath, w/o master, Canac kitchen, FP airtight, main floor laundry, new roof, freshly painted, level lot, hard sand w/shallow entry, completely winterized & 2 km to Minden. Call Fred Chapple



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\$315,000
3 BDRM HOME ON 3-LAKE CHAIN

This 1.32 acre property is packed with value you'll want to see to appreciate! Meticulously kept, warm & cozy bungalow with partially finished basement. Features large living rm, twenty nine kitchen, 4 pc. bath, neutral colour scheme & nicely appointed rooms. Outside you'll savor the fantastic unobstructed sunset view over Pine Lake, with great swimming & boating, panoramic gardens & wood privacy off a year old, main, road. Call Deb & Andrea to view.



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\$248,000

Great opportunity for your family to enjoy one of Haliburton's secret hideaways - Bitter Lake. This 3 bdrm cottage has been upgraded to enjoy and is very easy, modern & comfortable. Located on Bitter Lake, a deep, spring fed Canadian Shield waterbody that offers ample boating, good lake trout fishing, great swimming but yet keeps a quiet, family environment. Call today for all the info. Call Vince Duchene



Vince Duchene • Ext 225 • 457-1011



\$289,900
BENOIR LAKE

This immaculate 4 season 3 bdrm lakefront cottage with a bright & cheery interior is finished in a mixture of pine & drywall, with sunroom, western exposure, level lot, child friendly sandy beach, 34 miles of boating, and only steps away from Algonquin Park, golfing & horseback riding. This place has it all! A MUST TO SEE! Call Rick & Iona



Rick Forget & Iona Fevreau • 448-2222



\$144,900

This cute 2 bdrm home, right in the heart of Minden, has it all. Nice covered porch, great side deck, jacuzzi tub, pine cupboards & hwd floors in the kitchen & foyer, main floor laundry & a great corner lot. Call Lenor Fulton



Lenor Fulton • Ext 23 • 286-2911



\$1,470,000
REDSTONE LAKE

Year round home or idyllic, private getaway. Warm & bright post & beam home with board & batten exterior. Loaded with extra details & charm. Fantastic deep water off dock, sunny southern exposure and mixture of sand & rugged rock shoreline. Call Marilyn



Marilyn Hawley • Ext 237 • 457-1011

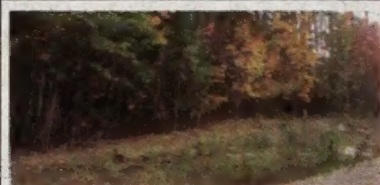


MAPLE LAKE

Picture yourself on this sundeck in your Muskoka chair enjoying a big lake view on a picturesque three lake chain with scenic western sunset view! Immaculately maintained three bdrm waterfront with full fin'd w/o bsmt, sunroom, det. grg, level lot with sand beach & much more! Virtual tour at www.BillKulas.com. Call to view today! Call Bill Kulas



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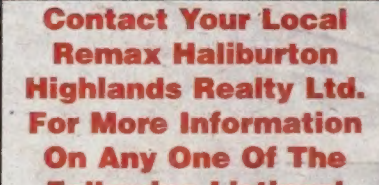


\$59,900 EACH
SANDFORD COURT

Attractive 2.64 acre parcel with 248.77' frontage in newer subdivision close to Sir Sandford Fleming College & minutes from Haliburton. Well treed with good privacy & relatively level. Telephone & hydro is available. On dead end street. Abutting 2.69 acre parcel for sale as well. Close to hospital. Both offered at \$59,900 each. Call Debra Lambe



Debra Lambe • Ext 244 • 457-1011



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\$499,700
ACREAGE WITH PRISTINE & PEACEFUL WATERFRONT

This North facing property is in a bay of Big Kenisis on the West Shore & boasts 27 acres of sandy lakefront. The Driveway is in & a site has been cleared to build on with an 8' x 12' cabin. Many pleasant features to this vast property. Call Cathy Lancia



Cathy Lancia • 754-3358



8+ ACRES

Bungalow on 8+ acres with 2 out-buildings. This 3 bedroom home offers large rooms, screened-in season room, full basement. Easy access off Highway 118 and private location. Call Lynda Litwin.



Lynda Litwin • Ext 35 • 286-2911



\$334,900
SILVERLYNN LAKE

Three bdrm timberframe home/cottage on a gentle lot & a gorgeous motor restricted peaceful lake. Spacious & fully winterized featuring soaring cathedral ceilings, huge eat in kitchen with oak floors throughout & a full fin'd bsmt. The property is located just outside of West Gullford has year round access wonderful privacy & deep water swimming off the dock. Call Denise LeBlanc



Denise LeBlanc • Ext 33 • 286-2911



\$118,950
GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT!

Near Haliburton and Minden. Country lot with perennial flower beds, honeysuckle and nice trees. 2 bdrm, lots of pine finishing, wood flooring & cozy wood stove. Oil forced air furnace and electric system recently serviced. Next to snowmobile and quad trails, plus 1.5 garage and large workshop! Call Richard Moritz



Richard Moritz • 448-1291



\$234,500

Great country home, many upgrades - new in 2002: addition & septic tank, new in 2007: hardwood floor, kitchen, hot water tank, sump pump, finished basement. Wood and propane fireplaces, private lot, garage and guest bunkie, lots of decking. Deeded access to Maple Lake. Call Erin Nicholls



Erin Nicholls • Ext 238 • 457-1011



\$379,000
STORMY LAKE

Spectacular sunsets. Lakeside patio area, 200+ feet shoreline. Custom designed, well insulated cottage awaits your finishing touches. Great room w/BIS fireplace. 10x10 & 10x12 outbuildings. Call Karen Nimigon.



Karen Nimigon • Ext 224 • 457-1011



\$469,000
DRAG LAKE COTTAGE!

Winterized 1986 sq ft. Cottage or home, hwd flooring, propane FP, 3 bdrms, master with w/o lakeview deck, lg sunroom facing Drag Lake, detached garage, year round municipal road, mins to town! Call Marj & John.



Marj Hunter & John Parish • Ext 226 • 457-1011



\$589,900
BIG KENNISIS LAKE

Spectacular sunset! Prime level S/W waterfront cottage! Gorgeous sand beach! Panoramic view! Winterized 3 bdrms, 1,570 sq. ft., year round access. Numerous upgrades. Plus, a 400 sq. ft. guest cabin & double detached garage. Bright, charming, immaculate, private! A must see! Call Elizabeth Thompson



Elizabeth Thompson • Ext 248 • 457-1011



\$187,500
CLOSE TO HALIBURTON

Experience the privacy from this rural retreat property - w/out raised bungalow with 1,990 sq. ft. of living space. Custom pine kitchen & island, hwd floors, w/out living area and master bdrm to the deck. Upper & lower levels newly painted. 2+1 bdrms, w/out family rm w/FP. 10 acres. Call Ted Vasey



Ted Vasey • Ext 223 • 457-1011



\$324,999
KUSHOG LAKE

Enjoy year round cottaging on this large 2 lake chain at this 3 bdrm/2 bath home, sitting on 300+ feet of sandy/rock waterfront. Relax by the propane fireplace on cool spring evenings. Call now for an appointment. Call Melanie Vigrass



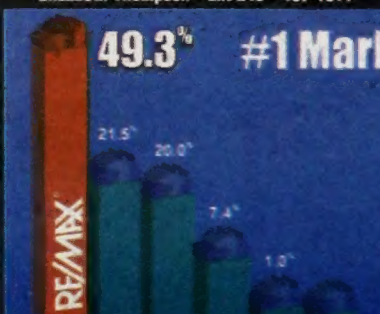
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